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The following President's Act enacted on the 9th October, 1953 is published for general information :—

**THE PATIALA AND EAST PUNJAB STATES UNION
EVACUEE INTEREST (SEPARATION) SUPPLEMENT-
ARY ACT, 1953**

No. 6 OF 1953

[9th October, 1953]

**An Act to supplement certain provisions of the Evacuee Interest
(Separation) Act, 1951.**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 3 of the Patiala and East Punjab States Union Legislature (Delegation of Powers) Act, 1953 (22 of 1953), the President is pleased to enact as follows:—

1. Short title, extent and commencement.—(1) This Act may be called the Patiala and East Punjab States Union Evacuee Interest (Separation) Supplementary Act, 1953.

(2) It extends to the whole of the State of Patiala and East Punjab States Union.

(3) It shall be deemed to have come into force on the 15th day of December, 1952.

2. Validation of certain provisions of Central Act No. LXIV of 1951.—So much of the Evacuee Interest (Separation) Act, 1951 (LXIV of 1951), as relates to matters with respect to which the State Legislature has, and Parliament has not, the power to make laws for the State of Patiala and East Punjab States Union, shall be as effective and valid in the State as if it had been enacted by the Patiala and East Punjab States Union Legislature.

3. Validation of certain actions taken.—Anything done or any action taken (including any order made or inquiry held or jurisdiction exercised) after the 14th day of December, 1952 and before the commencement of this Act under the provisions of the Evacuee Interest (Separation) Act, 1951 (LXIV of 1951), in so far as it relates to matters with respect to which the State Legislature has, and Parliament has not, the power to make laws for the State of Patiala and East Punjab States Union, shall be deemed to have been validly done or taken as if section 2 were in force in the State on the day on which such thing was done or action was taken.

RAJENDRA PRASAD,

President.

K. Y. BHANDARKAR,

Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Reasons for the enactment

In pursuance of a resolution passed under article 249 of the Constitution, the Evacuee Interest (Separation) Act was passed by Parliament in 1951. This law was enacted to make special provisions for the separation of evacuee interests from those of non-evacuees in properties in which both the evacuees and non-evacuees are jointly interested. As some of the provisions of the legislation may be relatable to matters in the State List, Parliament was empowered to enact the legislation by a resolution under article 249 of the Constitution. The effect of this resolution expired on December 14, 1952.

Doubts may arise as to the validity of certain provisions (which are relatable to matters in the State List) with effect from the 15th December, 1952. This Act seeks to remove those doubts and validate all proceedings held after 14th December, 1952.

C. S. VENKATACHAR,

Secy. to the Govt. of India,

Ministry of States.